GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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EXPENDITURE ON REFRESHMENT AND FOOD BY AIRLINES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure incurred on providing refreshments and food in Indian Airlines/Air India during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the contract for supply of refreshments and food leased out every year; and

(c) if so, the details of the suppliers given contract for supplying of refreshments and food items, in flights of Air India/Indian Airlines and Alliance Air respectively in the last two years and the total amount paid to them for the same period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) : Expenditure incurred by Air India and Indian Airlines for providing catering arrangements to the passengers on board during the last three years are as under :

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Air India	Indian Airlines
1998-1999	114.69	084.40
1999-2000	103.43	091.03
2000-2001	098.91	100.89

(b) and (c) : In Air India, contract for meal uplift with the caterers is normally for three years. At most stations there is more than one caterer and catering contracts are entered into for generally a three year period following the tender process. Only in the case of stations with sole suppliers, generally in the Gulf and Africa regions, there is an ongoing catering contract wherein the rates are negotiated from time to time depending on menu changes, inflation etc. The total amount paid to the caterers for supply of refreshment and food items on the flights for aforementioned stations during the last 2 years was Rs. 13.77 crores.
In Indian Airlines the contracts are entered for a period of 1 to 2 years. The total amount paid for supply of refreshment and food items on the flights of Indian Airlines/Alliance Air during the last 2 years was Rs. 192 crores.